# THE BYLAWS OF THE DREXEL COLONY OF THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY OF ALPHA CHI RHO



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# Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Drexel Colony of the Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho, as recognized by the National Fraternity of Alpha Chi Rho at Drexel University on the sixth day of January, nineteen hundred and ninety-six.

# Article II SUPERSESSION

These Bylaws shall not supersede the Constitution, Ritual, or Statutes of the National Fraternity, the Fraternity Recognition policy of Drexel University, or any applicable local, state, and federal laws.

# Article III Membership

<u>Section 1.</u> ELIGIBILITY. Membership in the Drexel Colony is open to all students at Drexel University in accordance with ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 of the National Constitution.

<u>Section 2.</u> ELECTION. The election of Rush Candidates for Postulancy shall be held under the following guidelines.

- A. Immediately following the period set aside by the University for Formal FraternityRushing, the Rush Chairman shall present a list of candidates to the Brotherhood. The elections shall be held at the next Council Meeting under Ritual, which shall be held within three days of the end of Rush.
- B. The Council Meeting under Ritual for election of candidates for membership must consist of a superquorum, as defined in Article IX Meetings, Section 4, of those Brothers eligible to vote; namely those Brothers considered to be in Good Standing. In addition, any Brother not attending at least fifty-percent of all Rush events is not eligible to vote in the election of candidates, regardless of being in Good Standing. This regulation may be waived by the Brotherhood if said Brother appeals and the appeal is approved by two-thirds majority.
- C. The candidates shall be discussed and voted upon

individually. The nominee shall be elected and offered a bid upon a unanimous vote. In the event that but one negative vote be cast, that negative vote may be nullified by a three-fourths vote of all Resident Brothers.

- D. All voting shall be by open ballot. Any negative vote by a Brother must be accompanied by a public explanation.
- E. A candidate shall be considered for eligibility into the Chapter as stipulated in the National Constitution, ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP, Part 3d. All candidates still left for consideration shall be given a bid within twenty-four hours of the election. No candidates shall be required to accept a bid in less than three days of its receipt.
- A candidate for election shall not be considered a postulant until he has taken the Postulant's pledge and accepted his pin, as specified by National Statutes.
- G. The minimum GPA of a postulant is 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in accordance with Drexel University and National guidelines.
- Η. No undergraduate student, having failed to complete the postulancy period, can be considered for membership.

#### Section 4. PARTIAL MEMBERSHIP.

As stipulated in the National Constitution, Honorary Membership in the Chapter shall not be offered. This includes, but is not limited to, "Little Sisters" or other similar designations of females in the Fraternity.

# Article IV Brothers' Status and Standing

Section 1. FULLY ACTIVE. An Active Brother is required to fulfill all requirements of the Fraternity as outlined in National Constitution, National Bylaws, and the Bylaws of this Colony.

BROTHER-ON-COOP. Any Brother on Coop may petition Section 2. Executive Council to go on to Brother-on-Coop status. This will require him to pay all dues and make all required meetings, as stipulated by Executive Council, to remain eligible to vote. He may hold any office but Ritual or Executive positions excluding Brother-At-Large.

#### Section 3. INACTIVE.

Inactive Status entail the following: A.

Any Brother may petition Executive Council to place himself on Inactive status because on location of Coop.

Any Brother who has been placed on suspension by the Judicial Council for violations of these Bylaws or other Rules of the Fraternity and/or is awaiting expulsion from the Brotherhood as stipulated in Article XII -Judicial Proceedings, Section 6.

GOOD STANDING. A Brother shall be considered to be in Section 4. Good Standing if he is not in Bad Standing as defined below.

#### Section 5. BAD STANDING.

Bad Standing entails the following: Α.

Suspension of office, Executive Council position, or any other Fraternity held position until such time as the

Brother reattains Good Standing.

Loss of voting privileges and recognition at all Council ii. Meetings under Ritual, Chapter Meetings, and all other Fraternity related meetings or events, including all social events sponsored by the Chapter or other members of the InterFraternity Association.

Loss of Big Brother eligibility, unless otherwise noted iii.

by the Judicial Council.

- A Brother may be placed in Bad Standing by the Judicial В. Council for violations of these Bylaws or other Rules of the Fraternity, or by the Treasurer for not paying money owed to the Chapter or establishing a payment plan.
- Bad Standing for Financial Reasons entails the following C. additional penalties:

Loss of any benefits that would be afforded a Brother

who had paid his dues accordingly.

The Fraternity, may on its own initiative, choose to íi. pursue debt through either the University or outside civil courts.

A Brother shall be taken out of Financial Bad iii. Standing upon full payments of his debt to the

Fraternity.

# Article V Officers

Section 1. DESCRIPTION. The ceremonial officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Ritual Officer, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The operational officers of the Chapter shall be Rush Chairman, Social Chairman, Postulant Educator, House Manager, Scholastic Officer, Brother-at-Large, Athletic Chairman, Steward, Chapter Correspondent, and IFA Representative.

#### Section 2. ELIGIBILITY.

- Only Brothers in Good Standing are eligible for Officer positions in the Chapter, as defined in Article IV - Brothers' Status and Standing.
- B. Any Brother who wishes to hold an Executive Council position must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5, as stipulated in Article V Resident Chapter Operations, Section 1 in the National Bylaws.
- C. Any Brother who wishes to hold an Executive Council position other than Brother-at-Large, must live on or around campus.
   This regulation may be waived by the Brotherhood if said Brother appeals and is approved by two-thirds majority.

#### Section 3. ELECTION.

- A. Elections and installation of new officers will take place no later than two weeks prior to the end of the Summer and Winter term classes, according to the calendar of Drexel University.
- B. Elections and installation shall take place as outlined under Ritual.
- C. The Postulant Educator shall assume the duties of his office upon the election of a new Postulant class as to provide each class of postulants with only one Postulant Educator for the duration of the Postulancy. This Postulant Educator shall differ from the previous Postulant Class' Postulant Educator.
- D. Executive Council will notify the Brotherhood to the date of the elections one month prior to when the elections are to take place.

Section 4. DUTIES. The duties of officers shall be those provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the National Fraternity, and as additionally provided hereinafter.

- A. PRESIDENT He shall act as Chairman of the Executive Council and shall preside over all Chapter Meetings, Council Meetings under Ritual, and Executive Council meetings. He shall act as an ex-officio member of all Chapter entities. He shall represent the Chapter in the Drexel University InterFraternity Association and must attend meetings. He shall meet with the Greek and Chapter Advisors on a weekly basis. He shall also meet with the Alumni Board President at least once a term. He shall be the official spokesman for the Chapter in all matters relating to the Chapter. He shall appoint Brothers to act as temporary officers pursuant to Section 5 REMOVAL.
- B. VICE PRESIDENT He shall serve as President in the President's absence. He shall preside over the functioning of all task forces. He, in consultation with the President, shall appoint the members of each task force. He shall chair the Judicial Council. He shall have executive authority over all matters internal to the Fraternity, including but not limited to officers, termly planning and implementation of activities. He shall preside over the Events Task Force as defined in Article VIII Task Force System, Section 1.
- C. RITUAL OFFICER He shall perform duties as stated in the Ritual of the Fraternity.
- D. CHAPLAIN He shall be responsible for the planning and implementation of Chapter community service projects. He shall chair the Philanthropy Task Force. He shall keep records on fraternity involvement in community service, including individual Brother's records of service. He shall perform duties as stated in the Ritual of the Fraternity.
- E. SECRETARY He shall keep minutes of all Council Meetings under Ritual and Chapter Meetings. He shall insure communication of Chapter business to all Brothers, including monthly calendars, and weekly updates if necessary. He shall keep care and safekeeping of all Chapter plaques, minutes, and official documents. He shall inform the Brotherhood of any Brother who may not vote due to excessive absences as outlined in Article X Attendance, or Bad Standing as outlined in Article IV Brothers' Status and Standing. He shall also serve as Chapter Parliamentarian.

- F. TREASURER He shall maintain proper financial records which will be available to any Brother in Good Standing. He shall maintain a set of Financial Policies governing payment schedules, late payment penalties, etc. The Treasurer must place any Brother who owes money to the Chapter and has not set up a payment plan on Financial Bad Standing, as outlined in Article IV Brothers' Status and Standing. In addition, the Treasurer shall present monthly written reports regarding the financial strength of the Fraternity. These reports shall include a cash flow statement and accounts receivable/accounts payable schedule. He shall chair the Fund-raising Task Force. He shall serve as the President in the President and Vice President's absence.
- G. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS He shall perform duties as stated in the Ritual of the Fraternity. In addition, he shall be responsible for collecting fines imposed on Brothers, and shall be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of Bad Standing and Judicial Council decisions are enforced.
- H. RUSH CHAIRMAN He shall be responsible for organizing the Rush program for the Chapter. He shall plan, organize, and implement all Rush Events. At least four weeks before the beginning of Formal Rush, he shall present a written Rush Plan, including the budget, to the Brotherhood at a Chapter Meeting for approval. He shall work with the Treasurer on the preparation of termly budgets.
- SOCIAL CHAIRMAN He shall be responsible for the operation of a Chapter Social Program for the benefit of the Brotherhood. He shall prepare a termly budget to be approved by the Brotherhood, and shall present monthly variance reports. He shall also submit a monthly list of social events to the Secretary.
- J. POSTULANT EDUCATOR He shall coordinate a Postulant Education Program within the guidelines of the National Fraternity, Drexel University, and the Chapter's Postulant Program.
- K. HOUSE MANAGER He shall be responsible for the daily functioning and maintenance of the Chapter House. He shall impose House Fines when House Jobs are not completed properly. He shall represent the House when dealing with any outside contractors and/or repair people. He shall organize all capital improvement projects, and work with the

- Treasurer on termly budgets. He shall meet on a regular basis with a representative of the Building Association.
- L. SCHOLASTIC OFFICER He shall be responsible for maintaining the records of Brothers' academic performance. His duties include implementing and enforcing the Colony's Scholastic Program.
- M. BROTHER-AT-LARGE He shall be the liaison between the Executive Council and the rest of the Brotherhood. He shall represent the Brother's opinions on all policies. In the absence of a Steward, there shall be two Brothers-At-Large.
- N. RISK MANAGEMENT OFFICER He shall be responsible for Risk Management at all Fraternity events. He shall perform an evaluation once a term. He shall be responsible for education of the Brotherhood on Risk Management policies.
- O. ATHLETIC CHAIRMAN He shall be responsible for organizing all Athletic Teams for InterFraternity and National sporting events. He shall also be responsible for maintaining all athletic equipment. He shall work with the Treasurer on the preparation of termly budgets.
- P. STEWARD He shall be responsible for the efficient operation of the House Meal Plan. He shall maintain the kitchen according to proper health standards. He shall be responsible directly to the Brothers contracting with the Alpha Chi Rho Meal Plan. He shall keep detailed financial records for any Brother in Good Standing to examine. He shall present written termly budgets to all Brothers contracting with the Alpha Chi Rho Meal Plan. He shall work with the Treasurer on the preparation of termly budgets.
- Q. CHAPTER CORRESPONDENT He shall be responsible for keeping a detailed record of the Chapter history in whatever form of media necessary. He shall be responsible for making contributions to *The Garnet & White* for each issue. He shall serve as the Chapter's liaison with the National Fraternity and other Chapters.
- R. IFA REPRESENTATIVE He shall represent the Chapter in the Drexel University InterFraternity Association and attend all meetings. He shall also serve as Secretary in the Secretary's absence.

#### Section 4. ASSISTANTS.

- A. Any officer, at his discretion, may choose to appoint any other Brother in Good Standing to be his Assistant.
- B. The role of the Assistant shall be defined by the Officer.
- C. All appointments for Assistants are subject to approval by a majority of the Brotherhood present at a regular Chapter Meeting.
- D. The Officer making the appointment must announce the Assistant position at a regular Chapter Meeting at least 14 days before the date of the appointment.

#### Section 5. REMOVAL.

- A. If an officer is determined to be in Bad Standing for a period of three weeks, a new election shall be held at a Council Meeting under Ritual within ten days.
- B. If a Brother feels that he is unable to perform his duties as an officer, he may resign his office; a new election must then be held at a Council Meeting under Ritual within ten days.
- C. A Brother shall be considered for removal from office upon petition of ten Brothers in Good Standing, recommendation of the Judicial Council, or recommendation of the Executive Council.
- D. When a Brother is considered for removal from office, a Council Meeting under Ritual shall be held with ten days to decide the matter. The accused Officer shall be given written notification of the charges at least 48 hours in advance, and shall be given ample opportunity to defend himself. A two-thirds vote of a superquorum, as defined in Article XIII The Disciplinary Code, Section 3, Part f of the National Bylaws, shall be required to involuntarily remove a Brother from office.

# Article VI Elections

outlined in Article IV - Brothers' Status and Standing. Elections may only take place at a Council Meeting under Ritual with a superquorum present, as defined in Article IX - Meetings, Section 4. Brothers must be in Good Standing to run for any office.

Section 2. ORDER OF ELECTIONS. General Elections for Ceremonial Officers shall be held in the order specified in the Ritual of the Fraternity.

#### Section 3. NOMINATIONS.

- A. The Brothers will be given a chance to speak only to nominate a Brother for office.
- B. Each nomination must be seconded by another Brother who is neither the nominated Brother nor the nominating Brother.
- C. The nomination shall then be either accepted or declined by the nominated Brother.
- D. In the event a nominated Brother is not present, he may accept the nomination through his proxy, if his excuse was previously approved by the Brotherhood as outlined in Article X Attendance. A nominated Brother who does not accept the nomination in one of the above manners shall be considered to have declined the nomination.

#### Section 4. SPEECHES.

- A. Each nominated Brother will be given the chance to speak.
- B. The opportunity will be given in order of nominations.
- C. A recognized Brother may speak for a time not to exceed three minutes.

#### Section 5. DISCUSSION.

- A. The nominated Brothers shall leave the council room.
- B. The Brothers present will be given the opportunity to speak for the purpose of discussing the Brothers who have been nominated.
- C. The length of time for discussion of each position may not exceed fifteen minutes.
- D. The Sergeant-At-Arms at that time will keep track and

enforce the time.

#### Section 6. VOTING.

- A. The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot. It is only to be counted by the Ritual Officer and the Vice President. If either or both have been nominated for the current office, the ballots are to be counted by the two highest ranking ceremonial officers who are not nominees, ranked in the order of the list specified in the Ritual of the Fraternity.
- B. A nominee is declared the winner if he receives a simple majority of the votes cast. An abstention is not to be counted as a cast vote. The vote count shall be announced upon the request of any Brother, but shall not be recorded in the minutes.
- C. Procedure for elimination of nominees if there is no winner
  - In a tie in an election with two remaining nominees, neither is eliminated.
  - ii. In an election with three or more nominees, the top two finishers are retained. If there is a tie for the second place finish, all nominees tied for second are retained.
- D. Eliminated nominees are stricken from the nominee list.
- E. The nominees return to the council room.
- F. If there is no winner, this officer election shall repeat Section 5 and Section 6 until a winner is declared.

# Article VII Executive Council

Section 1. DESCRIPTION. The Executive Council shall consist of five voting members. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer shall be members. The Steward, if there be one, shall be a member. Subject to the foregoing provision, the remaining member(s) shall be the Brother(s)-At-Large. The Secretary shall serve as the sixth non-voting member whose duty it shall be to record the minutes and report proceedings to the membership at regular meetings. In addition, the Risk Management Officer and IFA Representative will be non-voting members of the Executive Council.

Section 2. DUTIES.

- A. The Executive Council shall be empowered to manage the Chapter in the interim periods between Chapter Meetings.
- B. The Executive Council shall have the power to enact any decisions that are found to be beneficial to the Brotherhood.
- C. Decisions of the Executive Council shall be considered binding unless later overturned by a majority vote of a quorum in a Council Meeting under Ritual or Chapter Meeting.
- D. The Executive Council shall meet at least once a week.
- E. A minimum of three voting Executive Council members is required to make an Executive Council decision, regardless of attendance at the meeting.

Section 3. APPOINTMENTS. The Executive Council shall be empowered to appoint Brothers to fill non-officer positions from time to time.

# Article VIII Task Force System

<u>Section 1.</u> EVENTS TASK FORCE. This task force shall be comprised of the Vice President (Chairman), the Secretary, the Brother(s)-At-Large, and the head of the following task forces; Rush, Social, Fund-raising, Athletics, and Philanthropy.

<u>Section 2.</u> DUTIES. The task force shall be responsible for coordinating and overseeing all Chapter events.

<u>Section 3.</u> TASK FORCES. All task forces shall meet weekly. Each task force shall be responsible for documenting all events organized by their task force. Furthermore, each committee shall be responsible for performing the duties stipulated below.

- A. Rush The Rush Task Force shall be responsible for planning, organizing, advertising, and implementing all Rush events.
- B. Social The Social Task Force shall be responsible for planning and operating all social events. The task force shall be responsible for ensuring all social events conform to FIPG rules and regulations.
  - C. Athletics The Athletics Task Force shall be responsible for organizing athletic practices and games.

- D. Fund-raising The Fund-raising Task Force shall be responsible for planning, organizing, advertising, and implementing all fund-raisers.
- E. Philanthropy The Philanthropy Task Force shall be responsible for planning, organizing, and implementing all community service projects.
- F. Scholastic The Scholastic Task Force shall be responsible for supervising the scholarship of all members as stipulated in the National Bylaws, Article V Resident Chapter Operations, Section 3.

Section 4. SPECIAL TASK FORCES. Special Task Forces may be appointed from time to time by the Executive Council, subject to the approval of the Brotherhood. Such task forces shall be limited in scope towards completion of a task or tasks. Special Task Forces shall not exist for longer than three months, and shall be discharged upon completion of their duties.

# Article IX Meetings

Section 1. REGULAR MEETINGS. Council Meetings under Ritual shall be held once a month, as provided for in the National Constitution, or at the discretion of the Executive Council. Regular Meetings shall be held at least once every week during academic terms, at a time agreed upon by a majority of the Brotherhood.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS. A Special Council Meeting under Ritual may be convened by the President, the Executive Council, or upon written petition of three Brothers in Good Standing, provided that such notice is given to each Brother in Good Standing at least 48 hours in advance, and that such notice contains the reason for the meeting.

<u>Section 3.</u> PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. The parliamentary procedure of the Chapter shall be Robert's Rules of Order, where not provided for in the Parliamentary Rules of the Chapter.

Section 4. QUORUM. A quorum shall consist of one more than one-half of Active Brothers in Good Standing except at certain meetings, as specified by the Executive Council, where quorum shall consist of one more that one-half of Active and Brothers-on-Coop in Good Standing. A superquorum shall consist of one more than two-thirds of the Active Brothers in Good Standling as stipulated in these Bylaws, unless otherwise stipulated in the National

Constitution and National Bylaws.

## Article X Attendance

<u>Section 1.</u> VOTING. If a Brother is absent without approved excuse from two consecutive Chapter Meetings, he shall be ineligible to vote until such time that he has attended two consecutive, complete Chapter Meetings.

<u>Section 2.</u> EXCUSES. Excuses shall be accepted from Brothers, if submitted to an Executive Officer prior to the meeting. It is at the discretion of the Executive Council whether or not the excuse is valid.

Section 3. PROXIES. Written proxies may be accepted if pertaining to a specific issue or vote. Proxies are considered to be approved only when the related excuse is approved by majority vote of the Executive Council. Proxies may not be transferred or assigned to another Brother.

#### Section 4. ABSENCES.

- A. If any Active Brother has three unexcused absences in one term his voting rights will be suspended for the remainder of the term.
- B. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. To leave the council room without an approved excuse is a personal privilege. The President has the power to grant or deny this privilege. If a Brother leaves the council room without approval the following events occur:

 He is considered in attendance for the purpose of establishing quorum.

ii. He is considered to have an unexcused absence.

iii. He shall be readmitted only at the discretion of the President.

# Article XI Judicial Council

Section 1. DESCRIPTION. The Judicial Council shall consist of Vice President (Chairman), Ritual Officer, Chaplain, and two elected Brothers in Good Standing. The Vice President shall only vote in the case of a tie.

Section 2. ELECTION.

- A. Selection of representatives shall occur immediately after the Executive Council Brother-At-Large elections, as specified in Article VI Executive Council.
- B. All Brothers in Good Standing, who are not full members of the Executive Council, are eligible to serve on the Judicial Council.

Section 3. DUTIES. The Judicial Council shall perform duties as described in Article XIII - Disciplinary Code of the National Bylaws.

Section 4. PROCEDURE. Quorums shall consist of all full Judicial Council members who are not removed due to conflicts of interest. Meeting shall be chaired by the Vice President. Frequency of meetings and other procedures shall be determined by the Judicial Council according to the Policies of the Fraternity.

# Article XII Judicial Proceedings

#### Section 1. PROCEDURE.

- A. If a Brother violates any section of the Bylaws of the Chapter, or any Policies of the Fraternity including those outlined in Article II Supersession, he may be brought before the Judicial Council.
- B. The Judicial Council shall meet upon receipt of a written complaint from a Brother in Good Standing.
- C. The Judicial Council shall meet within five days of receipt of the complaint. At least three eligible Judicial Council members as stipulated in Section 2 must be present to have a meeting.
- D. Upon the direct and unanimous request of the Executive Council, the Judicial Council shall be convened in order to handle a matter judged to be in need of immediate action. This meeting must be convened within twenty-four hours of the request submitted to the Judicial Council.

Section 2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Before discussing the complaint, the Judicial Council shall first determine if there are any conflicts of interest on the Council. Any two Judicial Council members may vote to have another member of the Council temporarily removed due to a conflict of interest. In this event, no replacement may sit on the Council.

- Section 3. PROCESS. The process by which the Judicial Council reviews complaints shall be decided by the members of the Judicial Council. Meetings may be open or closed, at the Council's discretion (i.e. majority of eligible voting members). In the event that a complainant does not want his name revealed, the Judicial Council may not reveal his name to anybody outside of the Council, unless a majority of the Judicial Council deems it necessary. Any Council member found to have revealed information which has been deemed classified by a majority of the Council, shall himself be immediately removed from the Council and shall then be brought before the Council. This type of action constitutes a violation of Brotherhood trust. The punishment for this can be one or a combination, where applicable, of the following:
  - A. A fine, not to exceed five hundred dollars, to be donated to a Fraternity designated charity organization or paid directly to the Fraternity.
  - B. A six month suspension from Active status, during that time that Brother will be required to pay full dues and maintain his service hours set by the Fraternity plus an additional ten hours.
  - C. Recommend expulsion from the Brotherhood at the next National Convention, upon a two-thirds vote of a superquorum, as defined in Artícle IX - Meetings, Section 4, at a Council Meeting under Ritual.

#### Section 4. POWERS.

- A. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to dismiss the complaint.
- B. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to bring the complaint to the entire Brotherhood.
- C. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to order Brothers to pay restitution for actual damages incurred.
- D. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to fine Brothers.
- E. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to place Brothers into Bad Standing for a period not to exceed six months.
- F. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to recommend suspension of a Brother to the entire Brotherhood.

- G. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to temporarily suspend an Officer for a period not to exceed two weeks.
- H. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to recommend that an Officer be removed from office.
- The Judicial Council shall have the authority to reprimand a Brother.
- J. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to impose mandatory service hours on a Brother.
- K. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to reverse fines levied by the Fraternity.

Section 5. JUDGMENTS. All decisions of the Judicial Council shall be considered binding unless overturned by a two-thirds vote of a superquorum, as defined in Article IX - Meetings, Section 4, of the Brothers in Good Standing. An appeal of a Judicial Council decision shall only be convened upon the reception of a written petition from three Brothers in Good Standing and submitted to the President. Any violation of judgments of the Judicial Council shall result in reevaluation.

#### Section 6. SUSPENSION.

- A. Upon the recommendation by the Judicial Council, the Vice President shall make a motion to suspend a Brother from the Chapter.
- B. Suspension proceedings must take place in conformity with Article XIII of the National Bylaws.

# Article XIII Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Section 1. ALCOHOL. All Brothers of the Drexel Colony are fully bound by all Federal, State, Local, Fraternal, and Institutional laws which govern the sale, possession, and/or consumption of alcohol. All Brothers are also entirely responsible for their actions involving the consumption of alcohol. Any such action which could be considered offensive or socially unacceptable, in any situation, will result in immediate action by the Judicial Council.

Section 2. JUDICIAL ACTION RELATED TO ALCOHOL. The Judicial Council shall have the following powers in such situations:

- A. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to impose a fine, not to exceed two hundred and fifty dollars. The money collected from this fine shall be forwarded to the Philanthropy Budget for use in an upcoming project or be used as a donation to a worthy cause.
- B. The Judicial Council shall be required to impose a suspension of a brother for the misuse of alcohol for a period not to exceed one academic term.
- C. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to impose a social suspension for a period not to exceed one full academic term.
- D. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to impose mandatory community service hours up to and including ten additional hours in any given term.
- E. The Judicial Council shall have the authority to recommend that a Brother be brought before the Brotherhood to vote for either placing the Brother on Bad Standing with referral to an appropriate program or recommending the expulsion of this Brother at the next National Convention.

<u>Section 3.</u> DRUG ABUSE. All Brothers of the Drexel Colony are fully bound by all Federal, State, Local, Fraternal, and Institutional laws which govern the sale, possession, and/or consumption of any illegal drug or controlled substance.

Section 4. JUDICIAL ACTION RELATED TO DRUGS/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. Any Brother found to be in violation of any statute mentioned in Section 3 of this Article will immediately be placed in Bad Standing with referral to an appropriate program. The Judicial Council will, upon a guilty verdict, recommend expulsion to the Brotherhood.

Section 5. POSTULANT DRUG USE/ABUSE. Any Postulant found to possess, use, sell, and/or distribute illegal substances will immediately be expelled from the Postulant Program and will never be offered a membership in Alpha Chi Rho again.

# Article XIV Finances

Section 1. CHAPTER DUES. Rent and membership dues shall be assessed

to members at a rate determined by the Executive Council, with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the Brotherhood present at the Chapter meeting to be held at the beginning of the Summer academic term. Further changes in Brotherhood dues shall require a two-thirds vote of all Brothers in Good Standing.

- Section 2. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. Postulants shall not be initiated until all fees are paid to the National for their entire Postulant class. Dues for the upcoming term will be assessed at the sixth week of the preceding term. Brothers shall have until the first week of the new term to pay their dues. Any Brother who has not settled his account with the Treasurer by such time will be placed in Financial Bad Standing.
  - A. Any Brother who does not have the ability to pay may choose to set up a payment plan for his monies owed with the Treasurer, such plans to be at the discretion of the Executive Council. Any Brother on such a plan will not be considered to be in Financial Bad Standing unless he violates the terms of his payment plan.
  - B. Any Brother who, for a period of two consecutive terms, is placed in Financial Bad Standing will be required to prepay his dues, as per the request of the Treasurer for a period of one or two terms.

Section 3. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING. No Brother may spend ANY Chapter monies without prior approval of a voting Executive Council member. All expenditures will be subject to Brotherhood review. Complaints of misuse of funds shall be submitted for judicial review.

# Article XV Chapter Sweetheart

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY. Any woman, who has through her own accord assumed a participatory role in Chapter events, is eligible to be an Alpha Chi Rho - Drexel Colony Sweetheart.

Section 2. ELECTION. By the fifth week of the Fall and Spring terms nominations and elections shall be held to determine the Sweetheart for the next two terms. The Sweetheart will be determined by a simple majority in an closed ballot vote.

Section 3. SWEETHEART CEREMONY. The Sweetheart will be inducted according to the Exoteric ceremony.

Sweetheart with an AXP Sweetheart pin which she shall retain henceforth.

## Article XVI Amendment Procedure

Section 1. REVIEW OF BYLAWS. The Bylaws are to be reviewed no more than once every two years, except if a majority vote of a superquorum of the Brotherhood asks for a review. The Brothers will be given two weeks to compile lists of possible amendments. These lists will be given to the Amendment Review Task Force. The task force is to be chaired by the Vice President.

Section 2. AMENDMENT REVIEW TASK FORCE. The task force shall be comprised of one Brother from each academic year. The task force shall be responsible for compiling a master list of possible amendments. The task force shall then be responsible for recommending possible amendments for Brotherhood approval.

Section 3. BROTHERHOOD APPROVAL. The possible amendments shall be voted upon individually during a Council Meeting under Ritual. The amendments shall require a two-thirds majority vote to be entered into the Bylaws. The amendments must then be sent to the National Council for approval.

Section 4. REVIEW OF BYLAWS AFTER CHARTERING. The Bylaws are to be reviewed by the Amendment Review Task Force after the receiving of the Colony's Charter.

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